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To Advertisers & the Public.

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on San Francisco prices.

ECHOES FROM EUROPE.

At the present time Parliament has been
sitting for upwards of a month, and for aught
we know to the contrary, matters that at the
date of our last advice seemed to bask in
some changes in the party who have now
for a somewhat lengthened period presided
over the destinies of Great Britain and her
dependencies, may have been smoothed
down. Lord Palmerston's rule has been one
of almost unexampled duration for modern
times, and we may, upon the whole, regard it
as successful, singularly so, looking at the
patronage which it has fallen to his lot to
bestow. Upon the health of the Premier
alone, if we may judge from the opinion ex-
pressed by the Parliamentary hangers-on,
and the gasps of the club, depends the very
existence of the present Ministry, and
whether or not the present party remain in
power, it is rumored that the care of the
colonies will fall into other hands than those
under which our own Colony has grown from
insignificance into what she now is. Whether
the reports of probabilities of the Duke's re-
tirement be true or false we cannot tell. One
thing is certain, that for upwards of three
years he has been suffering from a disease
which he has been accustomed to regard
as incurable. The work that has to be
done by the head of the Colonial Office
is very different from what it used to be
to be a hundred years ago. Formerly
the Colonial Secretary's duties
were considered as light that upon his
shoulders were also thrown the labor of the
War Department, and even with that addi-
tion he was not overworked. His principal
duty as connected with the Colonies, was
to select good Governors, and interfere as little
as possible in the management of those over
whom he ruled. When let alone the Colonies
were supposed to thrive best, and when
they were allowed to arrange their own local
affairs according to their local fashion and
opinion, they in general prospered and in-
creased in wealth and importance with ra-
pidity. Now, however, much more diplo-
macy is required of the head of the Colonial
office, and unless the officials of the Home
government who have to deal with colonies,
display some skill and talent in that govern-
ing art, in the present day there is great
danger of their getting into trouble in their
relations with all the colonies with which
they are called upon to interfere in any way.
Consultation and concession are more neces-
sary and efficacious now, in the intercourse
between England and her dependencies, than
the tone of command and dictation which
was adopted in the beginning of the present
century. The Duke of Newcastle is one of
the more modern school of statesmen, and
it has probably been as well for us that we
have been under his regime than that of Earl
Grey, who was always accustomed to treat
colonists as "unlearned persons, pardonably,
but still pitifully ignorant of the very
first principles of legislation and imperial
rule." Fortunately there is no fear of going
back to the old system. Of the three who
are spoken of as likely to succeed to the
vacancy, if it occurs, Lord Woodhouse is un-
questionably the man who will be most
readily welcomed by all Colonists; he has
shown himself skillful in diplomacy, and is not
unskilled in administration so far as he has
been tried, he is of a more enlightened and
truly liberal character than Mr. Caldwell or
Lord Stanley of Alderley, either of whom
might give dissatisfaction to colonists, al-
though as practical officials and ministers not
unskilled in administration they may be
superior, so far as experience goes, and in
talent, perhaps, equal to the noblemen now
engaged in arranging a most important
negotiation in Denmark.

The political relations between France and
England seem to continue as they were at
the commencement of the year 1860, of such
a nature as prevent the innovating policy of
Louis Napoleon from going too far, and for
a long time it seems to tend towards the
preservation of peace. France has been in-
cessantly striving to persuade, excite, or force
England into moving and meddling in
European affairs, whilst the entire statesman-
ship of our own country has been expended on
preventing useless motion, remaining passive
and neutral, and in maintaining the existing
balance of power, so far as it was consistent
with the peace of Europe. The present
European question, which seems to menace
the peace of Europe, and which has
already unsettled the whole continent, will
probably ere long draw out Louis Napo-
leon in his true character, although at
present France seems to be very passive
and moderate. In the internal and domestic
policy of France, the last five years have
worked a vast change; there is a semblance
of freedom of discussion in the French
Legislature, which reminds one of the days of
Louis Philippe, and it is somewhat amusing
and interesting to read the speech of the
veteran Orator leader attacking the Em-
peror's government on their notoriously weak
point of finance, and gaining so signal a vic-
tory in oratory, for none of the members
of the government could reply to M. Thiers,
who made his first speech, after his enforced
silence, which has lasted since the downfall
of the monarchy. As a leader of an oppo-
sition, which bids fair to exercise some in-
fluence upon the debates in the French parlia-
ment, although upon the occasion to which
we refer they could not muster more than
fourteen voices, the reappearance of one
who has played so important a part in French
politics as M. Thiers can hardly be regarded
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before the outer Rock is reached.
By order of the Board,
(Signed) EDMUND HOPE VERNER,
Secy. to the Lighthouse Board.

To the Worshipful the Mayor.
WE THE UNDERSIGNED CITIZENS OF
Victoria respectfully request your Worship
to call a Public Meeting on our early day as
possible, for the purpose of considering what steps
should be taken to remove the proposed visit of the
Rev. M. Macfie to England of most benefit to this
colony.
James Duncan, M.P.P. Aaron Neely
Alexander Macdonald John Dickson
G. A. Hamer W. I. Webster
John Wright William Dowling
J. H. Turner Nathaniel Moore
David Leneve J. M. Work
Daniel Scott J. Tait
W. C. Siffkin F. A. Tuzo
Wm B Smith J. Bisset
A. F. Hicks James David
L. B. Scott Matthew R Webb
William Fisher J. T. Pitwell
John R Adams J. P. Crawford
W. M. Seabury

To Messrs. Duncan, Macdonald, Dennes and
Company: In compliance with the above
request I beg to call a Public Meeting for the
above purpose at the Lyceum Hall, on Saturday
next the 12th inst., at half-past 7 o'clock, p.m.
I am, Gentlemen,
Yours, &c., &c.,
THOMAS HARRIS, Mayor.</

